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Rewards for those who took part in the shooting in Salem Jail.

* 456 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the officers alleged to be responsible for shooting in Salem Jail were rewarded by the Government, and if so, who and with what amount?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Government do not consider it advisable in the public interest to discuss rewards given to jail or police officials or publish them, other than decorations and medals publicly conferred."

Rewards to those who took part in the shooting in Salem Jail in 1950.

* 457 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether the Government have given any rewards to those who were responsible for the firing, and to those who actually shot down the Communist prisoners in Salem Jail in February 1950?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to similar Legislative Assembly Questions Nos. 455 and 456."

Persons retrenched owing to abolition of controls.

* 458 *Q.*—SRI P. SYAMASUNDARA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons have been thrown out of employment by the abolition of controls; and

(*b*) whether the Government have provided them with any other employment?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The information required has already been furnished with reference to another question answered on the floor of the Assembly. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the statement placed on the table of the Assembly with reference to Starred Question No. 213, answered on 2nd December 1952.

" (*b*) The steps which the Government have taken to provide employment to this class of people and the several concessions given to them have already been indicated in the answer to Starred Question No. 214 which was answered on the floor of the Assembly on 2nd December 1952."

Amalgamation of Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts.

* 459 *Q.*—SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU (on behalf of Sri G. Latchanna): Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are contemplating to re-amalgamate both Visakhapatnam and Srikakulam districts into one district; and if the answer is in the affirmative, the reasons therefor?

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The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The Government have no proposals for the amalgamation of the two districts. The Government are unable to build separate offices at Srikakulam this year owing to financial stringency, and the misconception may have arisen owing to this decision."

Protection to the fruit and vegetable gardens in Cuddapah district.

* 460 *Q*.—Sri P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Food Production Advisory Committee, Cuddapah, requested the Government to protect the fruit and vegetable gardens and crops from monkey, flying fox and bird menace by destroying them;

(*b*) whether the Entomologist to the Government made any suggestions to destroy these pests; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) At its meeting held on 31st October 1952, the Cuddapah District Food Production Committee resolved to address the Government to send parties for catching monkeys and sending them to other countries. The resolution was forwarded to Government on 9th December 1952 by the Collector.

" (*b*) The Government Entomologist, Coimbatore, has suggested to the local District Agricultural Officer certain methods for the control of monkeys, like trapping, shooting and catching and sterilizing. None of these is practicable. As regards bird menace, he has suggested that indigenous methods could be relied upon."

" (*c*) The matter is under examination."

Distribution of gifts from Russian and Chinese people.

* 461 *Q*.—Sri G. YELLAMANDA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the gifts of rice, wheat, money, etc., offered by Russian and Chinese people for famine relief are being distributed by the Government departmentally or through the Red-Cross Society in this State; and

(*b*) if so, how many gruel centres and other relief works are run by the Red-Cross Society in Nellore district?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The distributing organization is the Indian Red-Cross Society and stocks are received by the Collector and used in the gruel centres.

" (*b*) The Red-Cross Society is not running any gruel centres or other relief works in the Nellore district."